

Regional youth unemployment, Dec 24

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Dec 23	Dec 24	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	10.1	7.8	-2.3
Brisbane - North	8.9	11.9	3.0
Brisbane - South	6.9	6.6	-0.3
Brisbane - West	7.8	9.9	2.2
Brisbane Inner City	5.4	8.0	2.5
Ipswich	12.1	11.9	-0.1
Logan - Beaudesert	9.6	12.5	2.9
Moreton Bay - North	14.2	10.0	-4.2
Moreton Bay - South	13.6	11.1	-2.6
Cairns	9.2	9.3	0.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	4.9	5.5	0.6
Central Queensland	9.2	11.0	1.8
Gold Coast	8.0	7.6	-0.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	7.3	5.4	-1.9
Queensland - Outback	7.3	11.8	4.5
Sunshine Coast	7.4	7.0	-0.4
Toowoomba	11.6	8.1	-3.4
Townsville	8.4	9.6	1.2
Wide Bay	10.0	9.7	-0.3
Queensland	8.9	9.2	0.2

Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force direct survey estimates, the ABS and QGSO recommend using 12-month averages to reduce the volatility of the underlying original data.

All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of direct survey estimates.

- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2024 with an unemployment rate of 5.4 per cent (Figure 1).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2024 with an unemployment rate of 12.5 per cent (Figure 1).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 4.2 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2024 with an unemployment rate increase of 4.5 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2024

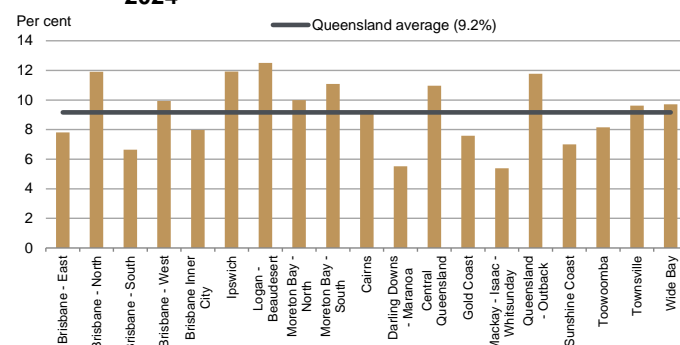
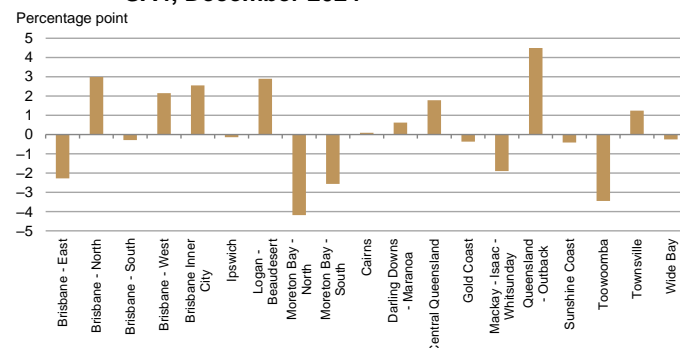


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2024



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

Youth refers to persons aged 15 to 24 years.

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

Data for Queensland as a whole are provided for reference purposes only.

The labour force statistics presented in this brief are on a sample basis and will include a sampling error.

Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.